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PARIS FOR DEA

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, SP

SUBJ: NARCOTICS: REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATIVE EQUIPMENT

REF: STATE 135428

IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS IN REFTEL EMBASSY, AFTER CONSUL-  
TATION WITH DEA OFFICERS AND LOCAL OFFICIALS, SUBMITS THE  
FOLLOWING REPLIES (USING LETTERS IN REFTEL):

A. EMBASSY OFFICERS, INCLUDING DEA OFFICERS, HAVE BEEN  
IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH GOS AGENCIES DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN  
NARCOTICS CONTROL AFFAIRS, NAMELY GUARDIA CIVIL AND  
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SECURITY (DGS). SUBJECT HAS BEEN  
RAISED BY AMBASSADOR WITH NEW VICE PRESIDENT AND MINISTER  
OF INTERIOR WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR BOTH AGENCIES, AND BY  
EMBASSY AND DEA OFFICERS WHO HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH LOWER  
RANKING OFFICIALS. OBJECT HAS BEEN TO MAKE GOS INCREASINGLY  
AWARE OF IMPORTANCE OF CONTROL OF INTERNATIONAL DRUGS  
TRAFFICKING TO

SPAIN FROM USE OF SPAIN AS TRANSIT POINT.

RESULT HAS BEEN STEADILY IMPORVED CLIMATE OF COLLABORATION  
AT ALL LEVELS AND GOS READINESS TO TAKE INITIATIVE ON ITS  
OWN. LATEST EXAMPLE WAS CABINET DECISION JUNE 21 TO SET  
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UP INTERMINISTERIAL LEVEL COMMITTEE ON NARCOTICS MATTERS.

THIS WEEK HEAD OF GUARDIA CIVIL, LT. GEN. VEGA, REQUESTED EMBASSY TO ASSIST GOS IN OBTAINING TRAINED DOGS FOR USE IN NARCOTICS DETECTION (SEPTEL).

B. GUARDIA CIVIL HAS APPROXIMATELY 80 FULL-TIME MEN ENGAGED IN PROSECUTING NARCOTICS CASES; DGS APPROXIMATELY 45 FULL-TIME MEN. MANY OF THESE OFFICERS IN BOTH AGENCIES HAVE BENEFITED FROM EXPOSURE TO SPECIALIZED TRAINING COURSES HELD IN SPAIN UNDER DEA AUSPICES; A FEW HAVE HAD TRAINING IN U.S. EXPERTISE OF THESE OFFICIALS HAS INCREASED MARKEDLY SINCE FIRST COURSE WAS HELD IN 1973. ANCILIARY BENEFIT HAS BEEN IMPROVED WORKING LEVEL COOPERATION BETWEEN THESE OFFICIALS AND DEA OFFICERS IN MADRID AND BARCELONA.

C. POSSIBILITY OF PROVISION OF SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED INFORMALLY WITH CHIEFS OF NARCOTICS DIVISIONS IN GUARDIA CIVIL AND DGS. SUBJECT AROSE AS CONSEQUENCE OF OBSERVATIONS BY DEA OFFICERS THAT OFFICERS IN THESE AGENCIES DEALING WITH NARCOTICS MATTERS WERE LACKING REQUISITES TO PROSECUTE AND CONCLUDE INVESTIGATIONS. WERE EQUIPMENT TO BE MADE AVAILABLE, EMBASSY WOULD PROPOSE THAT IT BE PRESENTED AT HIGHER LEVEL WITHIN BOTH AGENCIES FOR USE OF NARCOTICS DIVISIONS AS MEANS OF STRENGTHENING HIGH-LEVEL SUPPORT FOR WORK OF NARCOTICS DIVISIONS.

D. RECIPIENTS OF EQUIPMENT WOULD BE NARCOTICS DIVISIONS IN DGS AND GUARDIA CIVIL FOR USE OF THEIR OFFICERS THROUGHOUT SPAIN.

E. SEE FOREGOING.

F. THE EQUIPMENT COULD BE PROVIDED WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WOULD BE EXCLUSIVELY FOR DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT. GOS IS ACCUSTOMED TO MAKING END-USE COMMITMENTS WITH RESPECT TO US MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND COULD BE EXPECTED TO ACCEDE TO US REQUEST FOR SIMILAR COMMITMENT ON END-USE OF EQUIPMENT USED IN DRUG ENFORCEMENT.

G. AT PRESENT DGS AND GUARDIA CIVIL HAVE VERY LITTLE ASSIGNED EQUIPMENT TO SUPPORT THEIR OPERATIONS IN NARCOTICS CASES. THERE IS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THAT THEY WILL RECEIVE SUCH EQUIPMENT IN NEAR FUTURE. ABSENCE OF SUCH EQUIPMENT IS IMPEDIMENT TO IMPROVEMENT OF THEIR EFFECTIVENESS IN FOLLOWING UP LEADS PROVIDED BY DEA AND IN PROSECUTING THEIR OWN CASES. ONE AIM OF EMBASSY IS TO HAVE SPANISH THEM-  
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SELVES INITIATE THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS. THIS OBJECTIVE CAN ONLY BE ATTAINED IF SPANISH THEMSELVES IMPROVE THEIR CAPABILITY THROUGH TRAINING AND AVAILABILITY OF REQUISITE EQUIPMENT. DEA HAS DONE MUCH ALREADY TO PROVIDE TRAINING AND EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO FOLLOW UP WITH TOKEN PRESENTATION OF EQUIPMENT AS MEANS OF MAINTAINING MOMENTUM IN GOS'S GROWING AWARENESS OF IMPLICATIONS OF WORLDWIDE NARCOTICS TRAFFIC.

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